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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. \$1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003. The response date set in the Office Action was March 19, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, June 13, 2003, which is within the third month after the response date. On April 17, 2003, we obtained a one month extension. Therefore, please charge our Deposit

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month extension with one month deducted.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by three (3) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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